



## A PROCLAMATION.

For the well ordering of the Market in the Cittie of OXFORD, and for the redresse of Abuses, in Weights and Measures, within the Precincts of the VNIVERSITIE of OXFORD.



WILLIAM by Gods Providence Archbishop of Canterbury, *Primate* and *Metropolitane* of all *England*, one of his Majesties most Honourable Priue Councill, Chancellour of the *Uniuerfitie* of *Oxon* sendeth Greeting, in our Lord God Euerlasting. Whereas by the Customes, Liberties, and Priuiledges of this *Uniuerfitie* of *Oxon*, by Kings, and Queenes, of this Realme of *England* granted, and by Acts of Parliament confirmed, vnto the said *Uniuerfitie*, amongst other noble Priuiledges, and fauours, the Clerkshippe of the Market within the said *Uniuerfitie*, and the allowing, approuing, and correcting of Weights and Measures, and the well ordering, and gouerning of the said Market, for the benefit of the said *Uniuerfitie*, and the Buyers and Sellers therein, is granted and confirmed to the Chancellour, Masters, and Scholars of the said *Uniuerfitie* of *Oxon*, and the execution thereof to the Chancellour, or his Deputie, the Vicechancellour of the said *Uniuerfitie* for the time being. Forasmuch therefore as We plainly perceauie, many good Orders and Rules heretofore published, by our Predecessours by *Proclamation*, and otherwise touching the well gouerning of the said Market, to take small effect, because they are either forgotten, or else contemned, by diuerse greatly against the common good of this *Uniuerfitie*, and Cittie of *Oxon*, only for their private gaine, for present redresse of all which Enormities and Abuses, we streightly Charge and Command, that no manner of Person, or Persons whatsoever, doe from henceforth by any manner of meanes Forestall, Regrat, or ingrosse any manner of *Corne*, *Flesh*, *Tallow*, *Candles*, *Fish*, *Butter*, *Cheese*, *Eggs*, *Piggs*, *Geese*, *Capons*, *Chickins*, *Wood*, *Fewell*, or any other Provision whatsoever belonging vnto the said Market, nor by any other Cunning shifts, and Frauds in any sort, hurt, or abuse the said Market, vpon Paine and Punishment by the Lawes, and Statutes of this *Realme*, and by the Statutes, Priuiledges, and Customes of this *Uniuerfitie*, Limited and Appointed. And to the intent that good Order be kept concerning the Premises: We will and Command all Inhabitants of the *Uniuerfitie*, and Cittie of *Oxon*, and others, Buyers and Sellers, that repaire to the said Market, duely to obserue and fullfill these Articles following. *Viz:* &c.

**I**mprimis, That no Badger, Carrier, Poulterer, Hucster, or any other Person or Persons, bringing any kind of Victualls to be sold in the Market, holden and kept in the Cittie of *Oxon*, doe sell, or compact, or agree to sell, his, or their Victualls, or any part thereof, before all and every part of the same be placed, to be sold in open Market, vpon payne of forfeiting for euery such offence, tenne shillings.

Item That no Badger, Carryer, Loader, Poulterer, or any other Person or Persons, bringing any kind of Graine, or Victualls to be sold in this Market, shall carry, or cause to be carryed, any of the same out of the open Market-Place, to any Victualler, Inholder, Hucster, or any other Person, or keepe or retaine, any of the



said Victualls for any Inholder, Victualler, Hucster, or any other such like, but that euery person willing to buy any of the said Victualls, may at all times buy so much as will serue for his necessary vse, vpon paine of forfeiting for euery such offence, tenne shillings: And farther to be punished for Contempt.

*Item* That no Person from henceforth doe sell, or put to sale, any *Faggots*, *Billets*, or *Coales*, but those that are of the true Asize, and full measure, according to the Statutes of this *Realme*, and that the Markes and Asizes of the said *Billets* and *Faggots* be not altered, vnder paine of forfeiting, tenne shillings.

*Item* That no Ale-brewer, nor Beere-brewer, doe sell any *Ale* or *Beere* to any Victualler, or Ale-house-keeper, or other, to sell againe which haue no lawfull Licence, vnder paine of forfeiting six shillings eight pence, for euery Barrell of *Beere* or *Ale* so sold.

*Item* That no Persons which selleth *Wine* within this *Vniuersitie*, from henceforth shall set Abroach any kind of *Wine* to be sold, before the *Chancellour* or his Deputie, or other officer appointed for that purpose haue tasted, tryed, and allowed the same to be good and vendible, or shall after such tast thereof any way embase, blend, or corrupt, vnder paine of forfeiting, twentie shillings, for every Vessell of *Wine* so set Abroach, contrary to this present *Proclamation*.

*Item* That all and singular Vintners, and Winefellers, within this *Vniuersitie* and Cittie of *Oxon*, from time to time, and at all times doe sell their *Wines* in their seuerall kinds, at such reasonable prizes, as the said Chancellour or his Deputie, shall prescribe or limit, vpon paine by the Statutes of this *Realme* in that behalfe provided. And farther vnder the like Paine, that no Person aforesaid doe sell any *Wine*, in any other Potts, sauing only such as hold Measure, and are sealed and allowed by the said Chancellour, or his Deputies, the *Clerkes* of the Market.

*Item* That no Butcher, or Butchers, Cooke, or Cookes, Chandler, or any other Person whatsoever inhabiting the *Vniuersitie*, Cittie, or Suburbs of *Oxford*, shall sell their *Tallow* to any Forreiner, vpon paine of forfeiting the Value thereof.

*Item* That all manner of Butchers dwelling or inhabiting, out of this *Vniuersitie* or Cittie of *Oxon*, and bringing or causing to be brought, any Victualls to be sold in this Market, shall also bring their *Hides*, *Fells*, and *Tallow*, belonging to the said Victualls, so by them brought to be sold, and shall sell the same, if any will haue them at the Prize limited, vnder paine of forfeiting for euery such offence, six shillings eight pence. And farther that every such Butcher, who hath not his said *Hides*, *Fells*, and *Tallow*, at twelue of the Clocke in the Fore-noone shewed in the Market, shall at that time be adiudged not to haue brought them, and so incurre the penalty aforesaid.

*Item* That no Chandler shall sell any *Candles*, Cotten or Wieke, aboue such rates and prizes, as shall be set and limited, from time to time, by the said Chancellour, Vice-chancellour, or his Deputie, vnder paine to forfeit for euery such offence, tenne shillings.

*Item* It shall not be lawfull for any Person, or Persons whatsoever, to Traffique, Merchandize, buy or sell by any Weights and Measures within this *Vniuersitie* and Cittie of *Oxon*, or Suburbs of the same, except such Weights and Measures be found lawfull, approued and Sealed by the said Chancellour, his Deputie, or Deputies, the *Clerkes* of this Market, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery such offence, twentie shillings, and all such false Weights and Measures to be vterly destroyed.

*Item* That all manner of Persons, that bring any *Corne* or *Graine* to the Market, of this *Vniuersitie* and Cittie of *Oxon* to be sold, shall measure the same with the common Market-Bushells, and Measures, & in the Market-place, and not with any other Bushells, or Measures, nor any other where. And whereas We vnderstand, that diuerse of the Cittie of *Oxford*, inhabiting in, or neere the said *Corne*-market, haue lately of their owne will, without any approbation from Vs, or our Vice-chancellour, taken vpon them to keepe and set forth on Marker-dayes, publique Bushells and Measures, for the measuring of *Corne* and *Graine*, and take Tole for the same, without stint or limitation, sometimes a Pint and halfe, and sometimes a Quart for the measuring of a Bushell, whereas the ancient and laudable Due is, but the quantity of a quarter of a Pint at the most for such Measure: And also that diuerse Malsters, Bakers, and Brewers, doe keepe in their private houses two Bushells, a bigger wherewith to buy, and a lesser to sell, whereby the Country people that bring in their *Corne* and *Graine* to the said *Vniuersitie*, are deterred to furnish the said Market, in regard that the Measure of *Graine*, will not hold out fully with the said great Bushells. We therefore for the future prevention of the said Inconueniences, and for the better government of the said Market, that there bee no fraud vsed, doe by these *Presents*, straightly prohibite the Inhabitants of the *Vniuersitie* and Cittie of *Oxon*, and all others resorting to that Market, from keeping and setting forth any publique Bushell, or any other Measure, or to receaue any Tole or profit for the same: And also all Malsters, Bakers, and Brewers, from keeping in their houses, any more then one lawfull and sealed Bushell, by which they shall sell, as well as buy.

*Item* That to provide a sufficient and convenient remedie for the premises. We haue by our *Letters Patents* vnder our Seale, appointed *Christopher Dirall* Inhabitant within the said *Vniuersitie*, to looke vnto the



cleanſing, and ſweet keeping the Corne-market-place, and to provide a competent and ſufficient number of Buſhells, and other Meaſures, to be approued and Sealed by vs, or our Deputies the *Clerkes* of the Market, to meaſure the *Corne* and *Graine* brought to the ſaid Market, and to take and receaue the iuſt and due Tole for the ſame, *Viz:* a Quarter of a Pint for every Buſhell and not aboue: And We will and require, that no Buyer or Seller, or Inhabitant within the *Vniuerſitie* or Cittie of *Oxon*, not exempt from paying of Tole, doe hinder, denie, or moleſt, Him the ſaid *Chriſtopher Diuall*, in the due and lawfull execution of the ſaid office, and taking the ſaid Tole vnder penaltie to be puniſhed, as contemners of the Priviledges and Liberties of this *Vniuerſitie*, and the government of the ſame.

*Item* It ſhall not be lawfull for any Hucſter, liuing and inhabiting within the *Vniuerſitie* or Cittie of *Oxon*, and Suburbs of the ſame, or any other Perſon whatſoeuer vnder colour of buying, keeping or making provision for any Colledge or Hall of this *Vniuerſitie*, or for any other Perſon whatſoeuer Priviledged or not, or vnder any other pretence to buy, obtaine, or get into his hands or poſſeſſion in this Market, or within foure Miles thereof, any *Piggs, Geefe, Capons, Hennes, Chickens, Conies, Fiſh, Butter, Cheeſe, Eggs*, or other Viſtuall whatſoeuer, to ſell the ſame againe in this Market, or within foure Miles thereof, or to diſpoſe of the ſame otherwiſe then for his owne uſe and ſpending. And becauſe Hucſters haue proued the Baine of the Market, and their cunning deviſes by any former Rules and Orders heretofore publiſhed, haue not beene ſufficiently met withall: We doe therefore hereby ſtraightly Prohibite, all and every Hucſter aforeſaid, from bringing or placing their Wares, Viſtualls, and Proviſions, though bought without the foure Miles afore mentioned, to be ſold in the common Market-place, *Viz:* vpon or neere *CARFOX*, or *Penny-loes-bench*, but that they keepe and containe themſelues for the vterring their ſaid Wares and Proviſions in one proper place, to be appointed and aſſigned from time to time, by vs or our Deputies, which place for the preſent We appoint and aſſigne, to be vnder the *West-wall* of *Chriſt-church*, betweene the great Gate thereof and *CARFOX*, only ſo farre as that Wall reacheth. And in caſe any Hucſter aforeſaid, ſhall preſume to place his ſaid Wares and Proviſions, or put the ſame to ſale elſewhere, then in the place formerly appointed & aſſigned, (*Viz:*) vnder *Chriſt-church-wall*, or ſhall otherwiſe breake or violate any part, or claufe of this Article, for every time ſo offending, he ſhall incurre the penalties of the Statutes of this *Realme* in that behalfe provided, and be farther proceeded againſt as a Contemner of the Liberties and Priviledges of this *Vniuerſitie*, and the Government of the ſame.

*Item* Whereas the greedie, and over haſty coveting of Viſtualls in the Buyer, hath beene a great meanes to encourage, and cheriſh Hucſters, it ſhall not be lawfull for any Perſon or Perſons whatſoeuer, to buy of any Hucſter any manner of Proviſion aforeſaid, elſewhere then in the Place formerly appointed and aſſigned by Vs, nor before the ſame be brought and placed there openly to be ſold, vpon paine of forfeiting for every ſuch ſaid offence, tenne ſhillings, and farther to be puniſhed for Contempt.

*Item* That if any Butcher, Baker, Brewer, Poulterer, Cooke, Manciple, Fruiterer, Hucſter, or any other Perſon whatſoeuer, ſhall be convinced to conſpire againſt any Article, Claufe, or Branch of this *Proclamation*, whereby the ſame may not be duely executed according to the true meaning thereof, then every ſuch Conſpiratour ſo convinced, ſhall be puniſhed according to the Lawes and Statutes of this *Realme*.

And to the intent that every man to whom it appertaineth might know his dutie, and not by Ignorance thereof, incurre any of the ſaid Penalties, We doe ſtraightly Charge and Command, that no manner of Perſon whatſoeuer, doe Rent, Teare, or pluck downe, or any way deface this *Proclamation*, or any Parcell thereof, but ſhall ſuffer it continually to remaine in his Place, vnder Paine of Imprisonment, and ſuch other puniſhment, as ſhall be thought fit to be executed, vpon all and every the tranſgreſſour of this Commandement.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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